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Biography: Prof. Sharon Rider, Professor at Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden

Professor of Philosophy at Uppsala University, where she was Vice Dean of the Faculty of Arts 2008-2014. Rider's work focuses on the cultural conditions for autonomy, responsibility and knowledge, and how these might be conceptualized in ways that neither reject nor rely on conventional notions of rational agency. She is Deputy Director of *Engaging Vulnerability*, an interdisciplinary research program hosted by the Department of Anthropology at Uppsala University with funding from the Swedish Research Council (2015-2025), and, since 2021, Deputy Director for the *Higher Education and Research as Objects of Study* (HERO) research centre at the Department of the History of Science and Ideas at Uppsala University.

Rider is a government-appointed member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Swedish International Cooperation Agency (SIDA), and an elected fellow of the Royal Society of Humanities at Uppsala. In 2020, she was elected to the Executive Board of the Philosophy and Theory of Higher Education Society (PaTHES). Recent publications include *Post-truth, Fake News: Viral Modernity and Higher Education* (Springer 2018) and *World Class Universities: A Contested Concept* (Springer 2020). *Den tveksamme bekännaren (The Doubtful Confessor)*, a collection of her essays in Swedish, was published in 2021. In 2015, Rider was the first recipient of the HumTank award for significant contributions to the humanities in Sweden.